

1st Lt. Nathan Tarver, 551st Special Operations Squadron, rinses his goggles before swimming some laps at the indoor pool. The pool just finished a "face lift."

Photo by Todd Berenger

Indoor pool receives face-lift

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The Kirtland indoor pool is now open following a seven-week renovation period. From the lighting to the pool liner, repairs and remodeling have been done to make the indoor pool a cleaner and safer place for its guests.

"It looks like a totally different pool," Pete Durso, Kirtland AFB aquatics director, said. Mr. Durso and his staff "want to publicly thank the Contract Manager, Art Thomas, for his hard work coordinating this project through Chugach."

During the seven-week renovation the entire pool liner was replaced by a PVC liner, which sits directly over the existing pool shell. Algae were disposed of while cleaning out the gutters and completely removing the bulkhead (separates shallow and deep ends of pool) for repairs.

One of the most noticeable changes accompanied

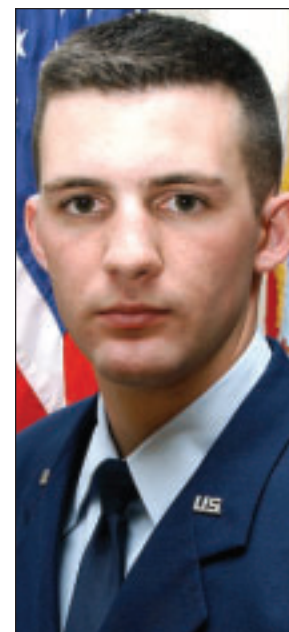
by positive feedback is the pool water temperature. Before renovation, the pool water temperature could range anywhere between 79-85 degrees on any given day. Due to repairs to the water heater, the pool water now maintains a constant temperature of 82 degrees.

Other minor changes included replacing overhead and underwater lights, which haven't worked in years, as well as repairing the air heating system to remain at 80 degrees inside the facility itself.

The indoor pool is available to anyone base identification. Without pool patrons and their support, these changes wouldn't have been made possible. "The more we can showcase and use it (indoor pool), the better off it will be," Mr. Durso commented.

The indoor pool provides a number of services, to include its three biggest programs: Aerobics, swim lessons and swim teams. Active duty military can lap swim free and squadrons/units can call to make reservations.

The indoor pool is available to rent outside of normal hours. To make reservations call 846-5485.



Senior Airman
John J. Zaimis



Senior Airman
Nicktavus Wainwright

Airman Leadership School graduates Class 04-C.

The Kirtland AFB Airman Leadership School held a graduation ceremony on Feb. 12.

Award recipients for the class were:

JOHN L. LEVITOW AWARD AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Senior Airman
John J. Zaimis
58th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Senior Airman
Nicktavus Wainwright
58th Maintenance
Operations Squadron

The following senior
airmen also graduated:

377th Medical Operations Squadron

Jeffrey Alan K.
Decambra
Jo Sharae Moore

58th Maintenance Squadron

Clyde T. Dodson
Rene B. Gallegos
Mason W. Gentry
Seth H. Jeffrey
Wayne F. Littlejohn
Matthew E. Petersen

377th Security Forces Squadron

Nathan C. Mallory

58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Pedro E. Melendez
Acevedo

58th Operations Support Squadron

Kermit Washington

The students of Class
04-C painted the corrals
and pens at the New
Mexico Boys Ranch,
Bernardo, N. M.

Settlement of estate

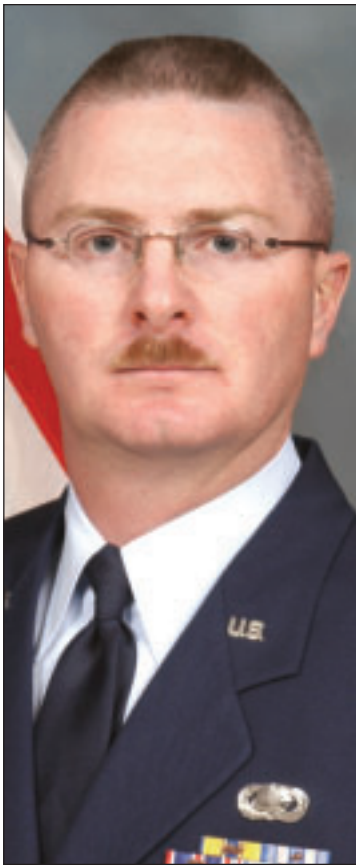
Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Staff Sgt. Philip A. Wiskup, assigned to 377th Security Forces Squadron, Kirtland AFB, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Tyler Bailey, 377 SFS, Kirtland AFB, 846-4281 or cell 975-3666.

Settlement of estate

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Staff Sgt. Dayne S. Riddle, assigned to 58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kirtland AFB, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Jesse Goolsby, 58th Maintenance Squadron, 851-4999.



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ALLENBAUGH III**
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RANDALL DIAS**
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TIMOTHY LEWIS**
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Operations Squadron
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550th Special
Operations Squadron
Company Grade
Officer of the Year



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